

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NOS. 2001-347-C & 2002-221-C - ORDER NO. 2002-529

JULY 17, 2002

IN RE: <b>Docket No. 2001-347-C</b> – Application of A.R.C. Networks, Inc. d/b/a InfoHighway for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide Intrastate Interexchange Telecommunications Services; and for Alternative Regulation.	)	ORDER
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	)	DOCKETS FOR
	)	HEARING
	)	PURPOSES
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AND	)	
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<b>Docket No. 2002-221-C</b> – Joint Application of North American Communications Control, Inc. and A.R.C. Networks, Inc. d/b/a InfoHighway for Approval of Assets from NACC to InfoHighway	)	
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This matter comes before the South Carolina Public Service Commission (the “Commission”) by way of a Joint Application from North American Communications Control, Inc. (“NACC”) and A.R.C. Networks, Inc. d/b/a InfoHighway (“InfoHighway”) (collectively the “Applicants”) for approval of the transfer of assets from NACC to InfoHighway and for approval to consolidate dockets for hearing purposes in Docket Numbers 2001-347-C and 2002-221-C. On June 27, 2002, the Applicants, by letter and Joint Application, requested that the hearings on its two applications pending before the Commission be consolidated and heard during one hearing.

On January 14, 2002, InfoHighway filed its application for authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications services in the State of South Carolina and for alternative regulation of certain of its service offerings (“Interexchange Application”). Subsequently, InfoHighway and NACC filed a joint application for Commission approval of an Asset Purchase Agreement (“the Agreement”) between the Applicants whereupon NACC will transfer its customer base and accounts receivable to a subsidiary of InfoHighway in exchange for cash and preferred stock in InfoHighway’s ultimate parent, InfoHighway Communications Corporation (“ICC”). Additionally the Applicants request that the Commission consolidate the Joint Application with Docket No. 2001-347-C, InfoHighway’s pending Interexchange Application. According to the Applicants, granting the requested consolidation will promote the interests of administrative efficiency.

The Commission finds that the Application of A.R.C. Networks, Inc. d/b/a InfoHighway for authority to provide intrastate interexchange telecommunications in South Carolina and the Joint Application of North American Communications Control, Inc. and A.R.C. Networks, Inc. d/b/a InfoHighway should be consolidated and heard on the same date. We find that the consolidation of these two Applications will prevent the need for two hearings and will reduce expenses related to the proceeding for the Applicants and the Commission. Finally, we do not believe that any party will be prejudiced by the consolidation of these applications into one hearing.

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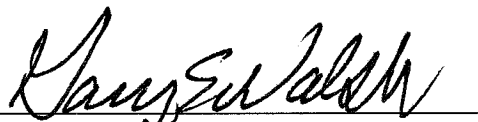
Accordingly, we hereby approve the consolidation of the hearings in Docket Nos.  
2001-347-C and 2002-221-C.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
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Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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Executive Director

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